



**COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN FORESTERS**  
**ADVISORY GROUP OF FOREST EXPERTS FROM EUROPE**



**PRESS RELEASE**

The Council of European Foresters, established in 2011, is an European democratic, apolitical and non-religious organization for foresters, forest scientists and associations, societies and unions actively engaged in forestry.

At this moment, C.E.F. is a representative organization for the forestry sector in Europe, with over 58,000 members foresters from 12 countries: Croatia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Information about CEF, its members and its activities can be found on the website [www.ceforg.eu](http://www.ceforg.eu).

In 2012 C.E.F. established the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe (AGFEE).

Among the most important objectives of AGFEE are to contribute, inform and be consulted by the EU and Council of Europe institutions developing forest strategies, forest policies and forest research in Europe.

During 3-6 September 2015, Consilva Confederation, under the aegis of the Council of European Foresters, is organizing the International Manifestations of the Foresters.

The program of International Manifestations of the Foresters:

- Common meeting of the CEF's Board and Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe
- Symposium "The role of the foresters and of the foresters' organizations in developing and applying forest strategies and forest policies in different countries of Europe and at the European institutions' level". Participants: The members of the Board of the Council of European Foresters, the members of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe (AGFEE), the members of the foresters' delegation from European countries, members of the Romanian Academy, members of the Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Science, the members of the Leading Council of Consilva Confederation and the representatives of Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests.
- International Sports Competition "Consilva Cup". Sportive probes: football, chess, table tennis, darts, backgammon and whist

During the common meeting of the CEF's Board and Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe, the leaders of C.E.F. and A.G.F.E.E presented a brief

information about the activity of CEF and A.G.F.E.E. in 2015, it was established the action program of C.E.F. and have been adopted the following Statements:

- C.E.F. Statement for the 12th Conference of Parties of the UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) on 12 October in Ankara

- C.E.F. Statement for the 4th Conference of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR), on "Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in the Bioeconomy - A Challenge for Europe" on 8 October in Brussels

- C.E.F. Statement for the Ministerial Conference FOREST EUROPE for the ratification of the Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe, on 20-21 October in Madrid.

These Statements propose:

- The role, activity and the expertise of the foresters, of the regional, national or international foresters' organizations in forestry sector must be taken into account when developing forest strategies and forest policies at national and international level to ensure sustainable forest management of all forests;
- The European foresters' proposals to the national and international institutions and authorities are to ensure sustainable forest management to all the forests and to consider equally the ecological, social and economic functions of forests;
- Forestry sector, through sustainable forest management, can provide jobs for all socio-economic categories who work in this sector, helping to eradicate the poverty of the population in this area.
- Education and forestry research should be strengthened through forest strategy at national and international level, given their contribution to the future of forests and the life;
- Intervention of the national institutions to eradicate illegal logging;
- The recognition by the institutions of UN, European Union and Council of Europe of the role of forests as environmental factor for combating desertification, floods, landslides, etc.

C.E.F. and A.G.F.E.E. appreciates the contribution of Romanian foresters in organizing the International Manifestations of the Foresters from Baile Felix, as one of the most important events of the European foresters.

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